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For Immediate Release

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University Park, IL. June 25, 2008 – Governors State University recently named Katrina Dee Garrett of Highland, Indiana, as the 2008 recipient of the Robert A. Pringle Memorial Scholarship.

"This scholarship helps me get the tools I need to complete my degree. It will be a great assistance toward books, which are so expensive," said Garrett who is studying for her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Pringle Memorial Scholarship is named for Robert Pringle who helped create the original Board of Governors degree program from which the School of Interdisciplinary Learning has evolved. The Pringle family administers the scholarship through an endowment.

The School of Interdisciplinary Learning at Governors State University offers college credit based on learning gleaned from life experiences. It was created for students like Garrett with work and life experience equivalent, in many cases, to college level work. Students in the program complete degree requirements within the program, often tailoring undergraduate studies in preparation for graduate work.

"We are very proud of Katrina," said Michele McMaster, Director of the School of Interdisciplinary Learning. "Students in our program are very determined to earn their degrees and scholarship opportunities like this help make it possible."

Garrett's road to her degree has taken her a bit longer than she thought, but the learning process has been well worth it.

"Earning my degree has been a lifelong goal. It is an honor and achievement. I want to be a good example to the youth I work with and my own children," said Garrett who is the mother of three and a youth program developer. She offers "Forgotten Treasures" a program for young girls centered on personal development and social, health, and self-esteem issues.

"I teach that you can go off course for a while, but you can always try again. That is what I did," said Garrett. "With the help of financial aid and this scholarship, I will earn my B.A., and use all I have learned to achieve my life and career goals."

For more information about the Governors State University School of Interdisciplinary Learning, call (708) 534-4092 or visit www.govst.edu/sidl.

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